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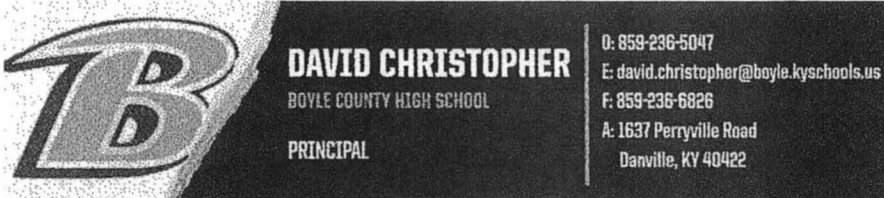
Absolutely. When you say staff, I'm assuming you're talking about the administration staff correct? Or were you thinking counselors and teachers also.

If we could work something out Thursday of this week, that would be great. I think all of them will be working as far as the principal team.

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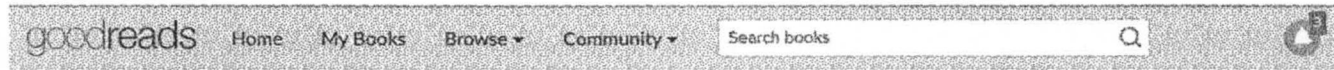
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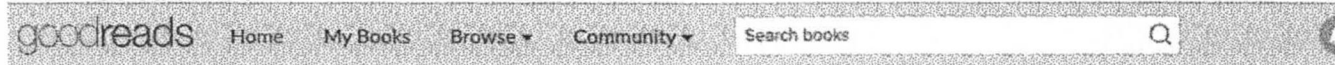
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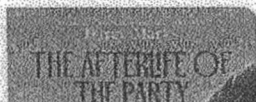
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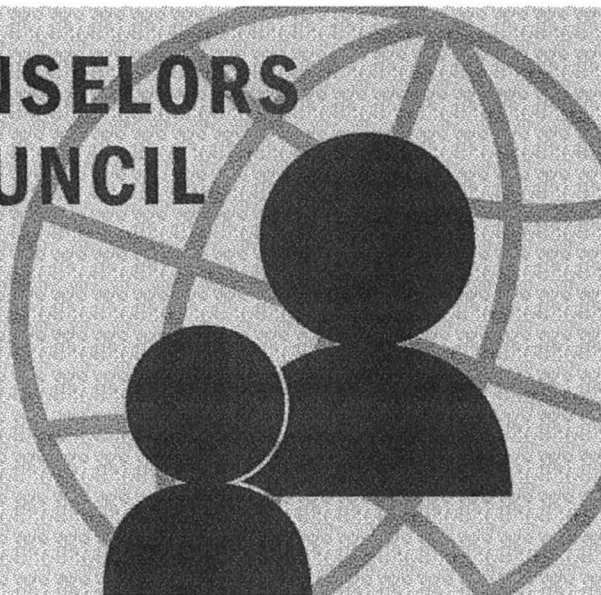
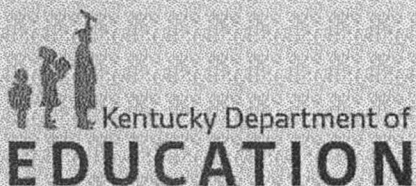


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KDE asks School Counselors Advisory Council to provide feedback for SB 150 guidance document

(FRANKFORT, KY) – The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) met virtually on June 1 to plan for impacts of Senate Bill (SB) 150, which was passed during the 2023 legislative session.

SCAC provides the commissioner of education and KDE leadership direct input from school counselors who serve in Kentucky public schools.

Chief Academic Officer Micki Ray, Staff Attorney Lindsey Swartz and General Counsel Todd Allen, all of KDE, joined Heather Bushelman, KDE's program coordinator for comprehensive school counseling, to discuss a future SB 150 guidance for Kentucky's counselors.

"You know part of your role with this council is giving feedback," Bushelman said. "So, if there's anything you might want us to consider putting in it, that's part of your role being here."

Members of the council provided feedback and questions regarding the guidance that will be released this month.

In other business, the council:

- Analyzed information submitted by superintendents regarding school-based mental health providers' use of time; and
- Received updates on the templates the council piloted to track their use of time providing student services.

The group will meet again on Sept. 28.

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Julie Pile



Diana Woods

Gov. Beshear appoints two new members to the Kentucky Board of Education

Gov. Andy Beshear appointed Julie Pile and Diana Woods to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) on May 30.

Pile, of Florence, will serve as an at-large member. She replaces Alvis Johnson, whose term has expired. Pile's term will expire April 14, 2026.

Pile's dedication to K-12 education began more than 13 years ago when her daughter's parent-teacher association (PTA) needed help with its website.

Now a well-known family advocate both locally and

Columns



Congratulations to the Class of 2023

May is always one of the busiest times of the year in education, as we wind up another school year and celebrate another class of seniors. This month, I wanted to write a column aimed at this year's graduating class.

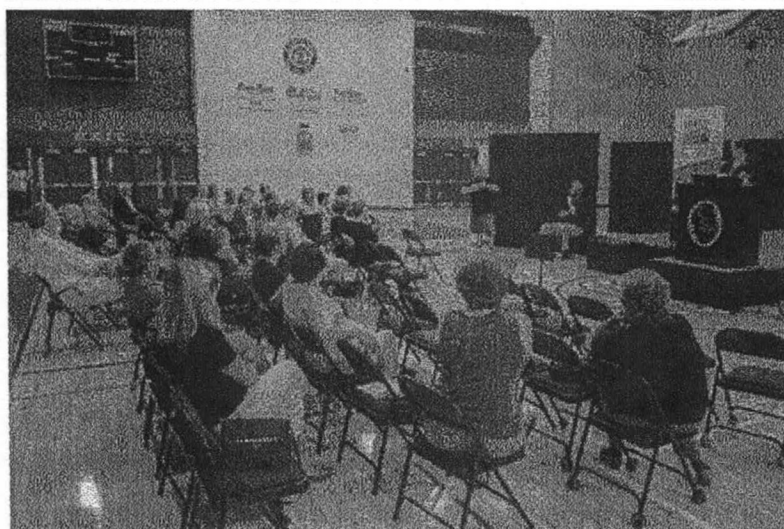
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nationally, Pile has served in various volunteer and leadership positions with schools in northern Kentucky, including as local PTA president. She currently serves as the co-founder and president of ParentCamp, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to family-school engagement. In addition, she is a member of the Kentucky United We Learn Council.

Woods, of Lexington, is a retired superintendent. She also will serve as an at-large representative. She replaces Claire Batt, whose term has expired. Woods' term will expire April 14, 2026.

Woods is a native of Harrison County and a lifelong educator. She was a teacher, principal and director of middle schools in Fayette County, and then became superintendent of Campbellsville Independent. In retirement, she has worked as a consultant with the Kentucky Center for School Safety and is a clinical educator at Georgetown College.

Read more on Kentucky Teacher.



KDE receives community input on principal search at Kentucky School for the Deaf

Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) supporters got the chance to express their opinions on the search for a new principal during a series of forums in May.

in the shadow of the COVID pandemic. And you have also worked very hard to recover from that experience and graduate in spite of it. While all of this helped you develop a sense of independence beyond your years, I know it was not easy, yet you persisted.

As you enter the next chapter of your life, remember the invaluable lessons you have learned throughout your school career. Cherish the memories, the friendships and the experiences that have shaped you into the remarkable individuals you are today.

High school has provided a solid foundation, equipping you with knowledge, critical thinking skills and a thirst for learning. Embrace this foundation and let it be a springboard for all your future endeavors, whether you pursue higher education, enter the workforce or embark on a different path altogether.

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2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year: Eminence Independent, the land

new principal during a series of forums in May.

The two forums – one virtual forum on May 24 and one in-person forum on May 31 – served as opportunities for stakeholders in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities to inform the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and help the hiring committee make critical and informed decisions throughout the process.

More than 100 people participated in the two forums.

Among the priorities for a new principal, several Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members expressed a desire to have a principal that is fluent in American Sign Language.

"I think the challenge will be if they don't sign, the faculty, staff and students are going to be guided by someone who can't communicate with us," said former KSD student Bethany Yance, who also stressed the importance of having a Deaf role model as principal. "We can do what anyone else can do, we can be what anyone else can be, and it's important to lead by example."

Former KSD student Jason Smith said he wants someone who is already embedded in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing education community so KSD can stay up to date.

"I value and cherish this school and the Deaf community so much. This is our place. This is our home," said Smith. "We need someone who knows how to run a school for the Deaf and is part of our community."

Current KSD Principal Toyah Robey is retiring on June 30 after six years with the school.

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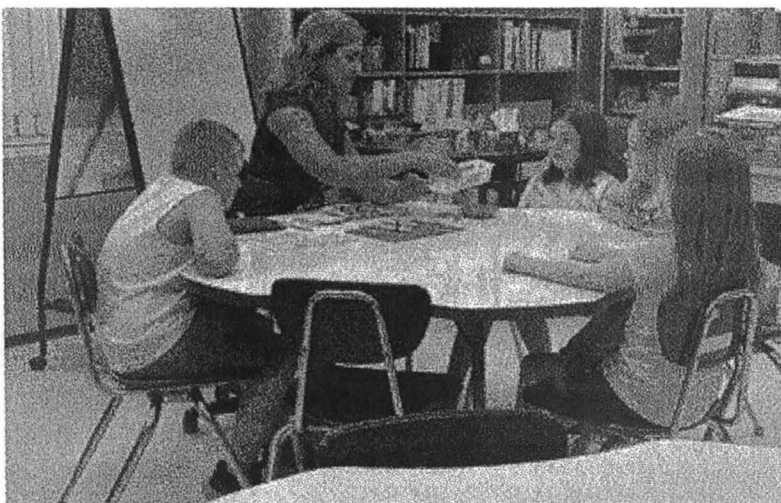
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As the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, I was interested in the idea of evolving traditional libraries into innovative campus hubs for schools. Little did I know that several Kentucky schools already have this idea in place, including one school that was brought to my attention on more than one occasion. I was soon on my way to visit the Eminence Independent School District.

While the intention of my visit was to look at how this school transformed its library space, the school also captured my attention by how it had reimaged education. I cannot describe for you the sheer amount of joy I saw that day on students' faces.

I was immediately taken back by a book vending machine and arcade machine in the school's front office. Then, while waiting to meet Eminence Independent Superintendent Buddy Berry, I was in awe of everything happening in the EDhub center. I watched a class collaborating on what appeared to be robotic sets, attempting to connect all their individual pieces together into one large formation. They were intentional and focused.

Berry approached me, noticed my gaze, leaned in



ESSER-funded math intervention program makes learning fun for Whitley County elementary students

Math intervention might not seem like much fun for a 2nd-grader, but an innovative approach in Whitley County has students eager to attend class.

It was toward the end of the school day during the last week of school in mid-May when four 2nd-graders at Oak Grove Elementary School knocked on Keisha Wyatt's classroom door. The students had been attending the small-group math intervention class each day throughout the school year, and even though they had just been playing outside, they were happy to go back into the classroom.

Wyatt, the school's math interventionist, was prepared. A Monopoly-inspired math game was on the table, and each of the students picked a different, colorful board game piece. The game's objective was to get the students comfortable with numbers by adding and subtracting popsicle sticks, which represented the "money" in the game. Each square they landed on had different problems they had to solve.

"Putting [math] in a game setting changes everything," said Wyatt. "The kids love to come. They are boisterous with their answers and vocal, and I love that. I am trying my best to instill the love of math in each

and said, "Would you believe that they take the state test tomorrow and they don't even know it yet?" I looked over at him, a bit surprised, and replied, "There's positivity in that, sir. At least they won't be stressed." We both laughed. His next statement was powerful. He said, "We are not creating test takers here. We are creating future leaders and bosses."

Read more on Kentucky Teacher.

News



KBE SPOTLIGHT | Family engagement advocate Julie Pile joins the Kentucky Board of Education

When Julie Pile's daughter Sophia entered kindergarten, Pile wanted to be involved. Sophia's elementary school parent-teacher association was looking for help with its website and Pile knew she could lend her talents. That decision to help with the website has led to more than 13 years of family engagement advocacy.

student, while also teaching them different skills they will need to be successful in life."

Eden Freeman, 7, said she looks forward to coming to Wyatt's classroom.

"It's fun and it helps me be better in math," she said.

The help for these students came from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The money supports the safe and sustained return to in-person learning and expands equity by supporting students who need it, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whitley County Superintendent John Siler said officials have been using the federal relief money in a variety of ways to benefit the district's 4,000 students, where roughly 70% qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

Read more on Kentucky Teacher.



KDE uses ESSER funds to award scholarships to 306 students with disabilities in 2023

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Office of Special Education and Early Learning used \$765,000 in

On May 30, Gov. Andy Beshear announced Pile as one of the newest members of the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).

"It is an honor to be asked to be on the board," said Pile. "I've had experience on the local level and a lot of what we do on the local level is promulgated by the state level, so to be able to have a parent voice input at the state level is really important."

Pile has served in various volunteer and leadership positions with schools in northern Kentucky, including as local PTA president. She was a member of the Boone County Board of Education from January 2019 to December 2022 and served as the board's chair in 2022.

As one of the newest KBE members, Pile wants to lead with a spirit of cooperation and transparency. To her, education is the gateway for every child and adult to teach their hopes and dreams.

Read more on Kentucky Teacher.

More news

KDE Commissioner's Student Advisory Council begins discussing student voice project for 2023-24 year

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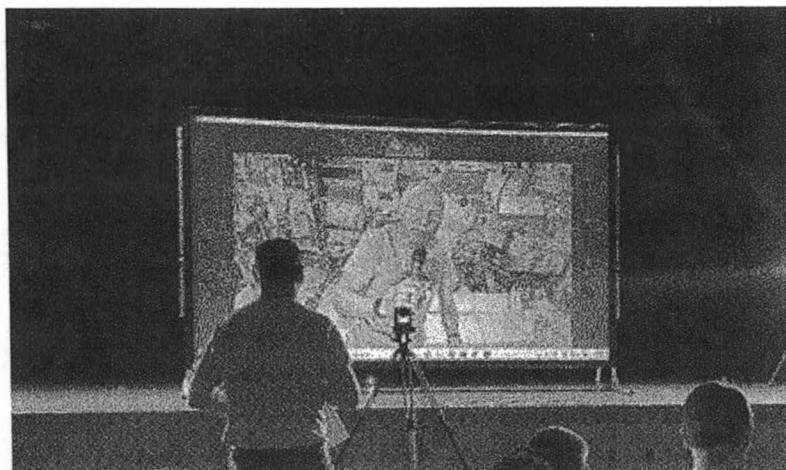
TaMyah Jones was one of the students from 116 school districts to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. She became vision impaired when she developed bilateral optic atrophy from a brain tumor when she was 6 years old.

Despite these challenges, being enrolled at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) made it, "a little bit easier."

"All of these steps have helped to get me to the point where I am now," Jones said.

Because of her resilience, Jones' guidance counselor nominated her for the Powered by Inclusion scholarship program. She is one of two recipients from KSB to receive the scholarship this year.

Read more on Kentucky Teacher.



KDE asks School Counselors Advisory Council to provide feedback for SB 150 guidance document

Local Superintendents Advisory Council discusses next steps with Kentucky school accountability system

In case you missed it

KDE offering new sponsorship opportunities for Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program

Summer Conferences

Registration open for 2023 National Teacher Leadership Conference in Louisville this July

Registration is now open for the Kentucky History Education Conference

Register to attend the 2023 Persistence to Graduation Summit

Kentucky Center for School Safety hosts conference in June

KET to host summer professional development event for educators

Registration opens for KASA Annual Leadership Institute



Bell County astronaut John Shoffner chats with Middlesboro Independent students from International Space Station

Middlesboro Independent School students had an astronomical opportunity on May 26 when astronaut John Shoffner talked with students via video call from the International Space Station (ISS).

Shoffner, a Bell County native, is a well-achieved business leader, racecar driver and more. He is currently serving as the pilot for Axiom Space's Ax-2 mission to the ISS on the SpaceX Dragon.

It's a role Shoffner said he has prepared his whole life to fulfill and he wanted to include students as part of this opportunity.

"Including Middlesboro in my journey to the ISS was an automatic requirement of mine," he said. "My role as an astronaut should be used to inspire a higher level of achievement for students."

While seated in the Central Arts Auditorium for their discussion, students' curiosities resulted in numerous questions. They asked about his daily tasks, sneezing and food quality in space and more.

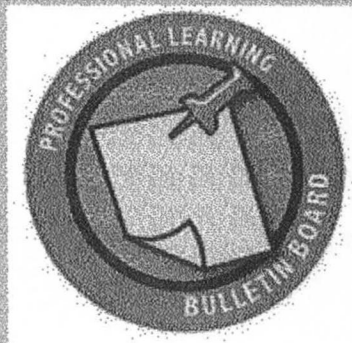
Jackson Womack, a rising 6th grader, asked if he got homesick. Shoffner said no because he brought Middlesboro along with him in many ways.

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Commissioner's Monday Message

June 5, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Even though summer has unofficially begun and many people are off on vacation, we're going to have a busy week here at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

Starting off the week will be two standing committee meetings this afternoon, June 5, from the Kentucky United We Learn Council, including the Accelerating Innovation and the Building a Bold New Future with Communities committees. You will be able to watch both of those meetings on the [KDE Media Portal](#).

At 11 a.m. ET on Tuesday, June 6, KDE staff will be presenting at the Interim Joint Committee on Education about the assessment and accountability system. This meeting will cover a comparison of federal and state accountability requirements, as well how the U.S. Department of Education's peer review process works. Those sessions are viewable on the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission's YouTube channel.

The next Kentucky Board of Education meeting will take place Tuesday and Wednesday at the KDE

KDE Offering New Sponsorship Opportunities for Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has a new sponsorship opportunity for vendors to provide prizes, supplies, advertising and financial support for the [Kentucky Teacher of the Year \(KTOY\) program](#) and awards ceremony. If you know of businesses in your community that may be interested in this opportunity, please share this announcement with them.

KDE is seeking presenting, gold, silver and bronze-level sponsors for KTOY, one of the Commonwealth's premier recognitions for public school educators. Successful respondents will have their organization's logo on

offices, 300 Sower Blvd in Frankfort. It will be an exciting meeting where we will be welcoming our two newest board members, Julie Pile and Diana Wood.

Pile, of Florence, will serve as an at-large member. She replaces Alvis Johnson, whose term has expired. Pile's term will expire April 14, 2026. Woods, of Lexington, is a retired superintendent. She also will serve as an at-large representative. She replaces Claire Batt, whose term has expired. Woods' term will expire April 14, 2026. You can [read more about both Pile and Woods on *Kentucky Teacher*](#).

The Kentucky Board of Education also will be saying goodbye to Joanna Stevens, who served as the teacher ex officio member for the past year, and student ex officio member Joud Dahleh of Boone County. We will be announcing our new teacher and student ex officio members tomorrow. You will be able to watch the KBE meeting on the [KDE Media Portal](#).

Later today, we will be releasing updated guidance for the bills passed during the 2023 legislative session that contained an emergency clause. You will find more information on Senate Bill 150 in the updated guidance, which will be available on [KDE's Legislative Guidance webpage](#).

Kind regards,

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D.

Commissioner and Chief Learner

New Transportation Director Training

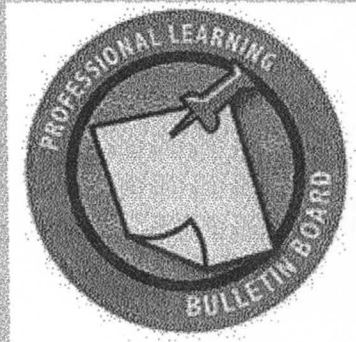
Being a transportation director is not easy. One of the missions of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Pupil Transportation Branch is to help school districts navigate the knowledge and resources needed to run their transportation operations as smoothly as possible.

Organizations log on to branded materials, press releases and event merchandise, as well as receive other benefits based on their sponsorship level.

For more than three decades, Kentucky has recognized almost 700 of the Commonwealth's best educators and awarded them almost \$1 million in financial awards in the annual recognition ceremony.

Vendors can view the request for proposal by visiting [Kentucky's Vendor Self Service \(KVSS\)](#), clicking on "View Published Solicitations," adding "2300000373" to the keyword search and then clicking "Search."

Vendors will need to register to create a new vendor account on the KVSS website. The solicitation will be posted for 14 days, and will close at 2 p.m. ET on **Thursday, June 8**.



**Sign Up Now for
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KDE will be providing a five-day training that will be packed with information, networking and knowledge sharing. The class will encompass laws, regulations, policies and procedures, kindergarten and preschool transportation, McKinney Vento, special needs transportation, T-Codes, SEEK overview and records retention. In addition, directors will receive training on the driver training and inspector programs. The training will equip directors with an overview of their responsibilities from the KDE perspective.

The class is limited to 40 participants due to the size of the room. The training will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET. A finalized schedule will be sent prior to class.

All transportation directors and superintendents are welcome to attend, however, priority will be given to new directors and superintendents coming into transportation after July 1, 2023. Six EILA credits per day will be provided. To receive credits, you must remain during the entire class period; partial credit will not be available.

[Register for the 2023-2024 Transportation Director Training online.](#)

Please contact [Elisa Hanley](#) with any questions.

2023 Persistence to Graduation Summit Scheduled for June 28-29

The Kentucky Department of Education's Division of Student Success is hosting the [2023 Persistence to Graduation Summit](#) June 28-29 at the Central Bank Center in downtown Lexington.

Superintendents, principals, educators, Family Resource and Youth Services Center coordinators, social service professionals, and community partners from across Kentucky will convene to share information and best practices to support students who may

Performance Excellence Training

A two-day School Improvement Planning for Performance Excellence training session will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on Aug. 21-22 at the Central Bank Center, formerly the Lexington Convention Center.

The session will assist leadership teams in an increased understanding of how to apply the performance excellence systems approach to continuous improvement. The work will focus on an increased understanding of the role of the school improvement plan by developing school improvement goals, creating strategies, and developing and implementing action plans toward increasing student achievement and organizational effectiveness.

Tools used during the sessions will include the appropriate Jim Shipley workbooks, Teams System Check, linkage diagram and the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) process. Additionally, the work session content will include activities around leadership team building, using needs assessment practices, building school mission statements, assessment of the school as a system, and use of the Performance Excellence

and best practices to support students who may experience challenges to reaching graduation. Engaging and interactive sessions will be led by facilitators from across the state and will include:

- Well-rounded educational opportunities;
- Safe and supportive learning environments;
- Effective use of education technology;
- Student transition and re-engagement strategies; and
- Alternative education programming

The keynote speaker will be Trevor Ragan, who you may recognize from his popular TEDx Talk on overcoming fear or his work around developing a growth mindset.

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) and Effective Instructional Leadership Act (EILA) credit will be available. For more information, email Sarah McIntosh.

2023 Continuous Improvement Summit: Save the Date and Registration Link

Mark your calendars to attend the annual Kentucky Continuous Improvement Summit. Co-hosted by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and Cognia, the summit will be held **Sept. 25-26** at the Central Bank Center in downtown Lexington.

During this two-day event, attendees will enhance their professional learning, make new connections and build upon existing relationships with peers across Kentucky. They also will hear up-to-date information from KDE leaders and learn how Cognia can help address unique challenges in their journey of continuous improvement. Please join us for this opportunity to explore a variety of topics, engage in conversations that will enrich your understanding of continuous improvement, and be energized by the keynote speaker, Mike Rutherford.

Registration is available on the 2023 Kentucky

Criteria in a systematic way. The content will be from Jim Shipley and Associates, led by certified Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) facilitators.

Each attendee interested in participating must fill out the School Improvement Planning for Performance Excellence registration form no later than Aug. 4. Questions regarding the training should be directed to Susan Greer.

Those receiving this at KSB and KSD, please make sure all employees receive it. Also, ATC principals are asked to forward it to their staffs.

Please send your questions, comments and suggestions on the Monday Message to Jennifer Ginn by 10 a.m. Friday to be published in the upcoming week.

[Continuous Improvement Summit event webpage.](#)



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In response to the 2023 Legislative Session law changes, the school council needs to review and revise three policies: **Curriculum Responsibilities, Discipline and Classroom Management, and Emergency Plan Policy.**

KASC's [2023 Policy Updates Guide](#) breaks down the issues to address with:

- Short excerpts of pertinent language from the new laws
- Bulleted requirements that must be met
- Action the council needs to take
- Sample policy language

You can also see KASC's updated sample policies in each of the areas on the Members Only website:

- [Curriculum Responsibilities Policy](#)
- [Discipline and Classroom Management Policy](#)
- [Emergency Plan Policy](#)

Due dates: The date the law takes effect is included on the Guide. KASC has organized the work to be done quickly, so the council could address the issues by the time school starts.

KASC will also include a reminder to change each policy through the **Agenda News** policy review schedule:

- December – Curriculum Responsibilities and Discipline and Classroom Management

- April – Emergency Plan Policy



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